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SUBJ: AMERICAN COMPANIES FOR GRAND POUBARA AND MINERAL PORT

1. RECENT VISIT OF FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK REPS (SEPTTEL) LED TO SUGGESTION BY FNCB THAT DRAVO CORPORATION OF PITTSBURGH BE CONTACTED RE CONSTRUCTION OF SANTA CLARA MINERAL PORT. IT APPEARS SOROS ASSOCIATES VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO GET ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR PORT. EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SOROS ONLY DOES ENGINEERING, NOT CONSTRUCTION. IF THIS CASE, IT OBVIOUSLY IN OUR INTEREST TO FIND AMERICAN FIRM SOONEST THAT WANTS TO DO CONSTRUCTION. THUS, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON DRAVO (WHICH OBVIOUSLY FNCB CLIENT) AND OTHER FIRMS THAT MIGHT POSSIBLY BE INTERESTED IN PORT CONSTRUCTION. MORRISON-KNUDSEN OBVIOUSLY ANOTHER POSSIBILITY.

2. REPS OF KAISER ENGINEERING AND CHARLES T. MAIN SCHEDULED ARRIVE LIBREVILLE WEEK OF MARCH 17 TO DISCUSS GRAND POUBARA DAM PROJECT AND OTHER POSSIBLE PROJECTS. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING ASAP WHETHER THESE TWO COMPANIES ARE ONLY ENGINEERING COMPANIES OR WHETHER THEY ARE CAPABLE OF DOING CONSTRUCTION AS WELL.

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